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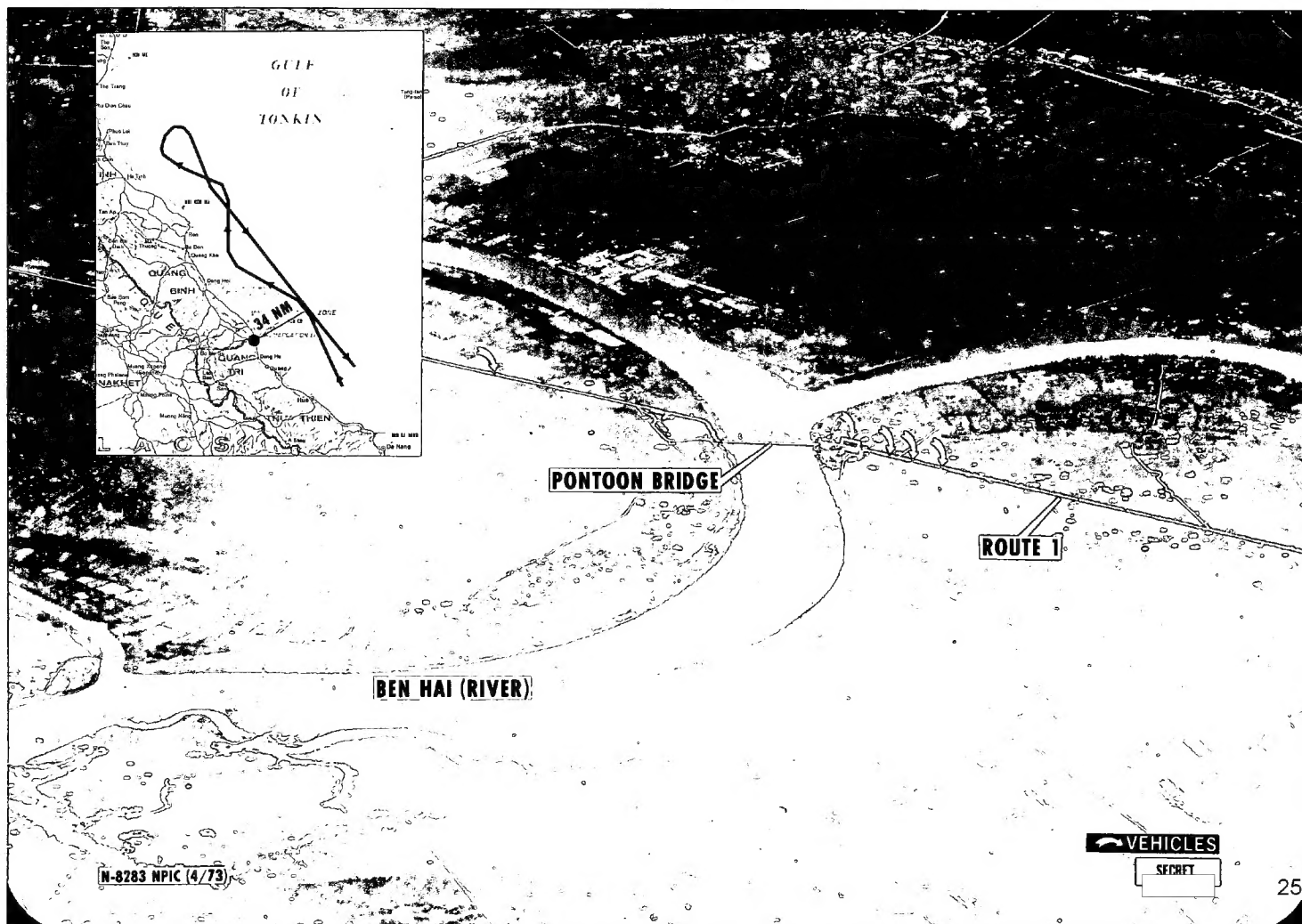
**BEN HAI RIVER CROSSING
DMZ VIETNAM
17-00N 107-03E**

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MISSION SU 013, 30 MARCH 1973



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REFERENCE TO: SU-013 SCOPE SHIELD MISSION (SU) 013
30 MARCH 1973

1. SIGNIFICANCE: MISSION TRACK AND SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE
FIRST SCOPE SHIELD MISSION (SU) 013 OF 30 MARCH 1973.
2. LOCATION: SCOPE SHIELD MISSION (SU) 013 PARALLELED THE VIETNAMESE
COAST FROM QUANG TRI PROVINCE SOUTH VIETNAM TO
APPROXIMATELY 18-30N IN NORTH VIETNAM.
THE BEN HAI RIVER CROSSING IS LOCATED ON ROUTE 1A
IN THE VIETNAMESE DMZ AT 17-00N 107-03E.
THE DONG HOI AIRFIELD IS LOCATED
25 NAUTICAL MILES (NM) NORTH OF THE DMZ AT 17-30-38N
106-35-46E.
THE FINGER LAKES AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM IS LOCATED
IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE DMZ IN THE VICINITY OF
17-01N 106-57E.

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3. MISSION READOUT: SCOPE SHIELD MISSION (SU) 013
 (N-8282)

THE FIRST SCOPE SHIELD MISSION WAS FLOWN ON 30 MARCH 1973. IT PROVIDED OBLIQUE PHOTO COVERAGE OF THE COASTAL AREAS OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THE VIETNAMESE DMZ, AND THE SOUTHERN PANHANDLE OF NORTH VIETNAM FROM THE DMZ TO THE VICINITY OF HA TINH (18-30N 105-50E). CAMERAS WERE OPERATIONAL ON BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH LEGS OF THE MISSION. THE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETABILITY WAS SIGNIFICANTLY DEGRADED BY HAZE, OBLIQUITY AND SCALE. NO NEW INTELLIGENCE WAS OBTAINED FROM THIS MISSION. THE AIRCRAFT TRACK REMAINED APPROXIMATELY 20 NM FROM THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MAINLAND. THE MISSION TRACK AND THE CENTER LINE OF THE PHOTO COVERAGE IS SHOWN ON NPIC N-8282.

BEN HAI RIVER CROSSINGDMZ VIETNAM

17-00N 107-03E

(N-8283)

AT LEAST EIGHT VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED ON ROUTE 1A IN THE VICINITY OF THE BEN HAI RIVER CROSSING IN THE CENTER OF THE DMZ. A PONTOON BRIDGE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED JUST EAST OF THE ORIGINAL DESTROYED BRIDGE. (THE BEN HAI RIVER MARKS THE TRADITIONAL DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM AT THIS POINT). NO OTHER ACTIVITY WAS DISCERNIBLE. THE

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RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WAS 34 NM FROM THE TARGET AREA.

DONG HOI AIRFIELDNORTH VIETNAM17-30N 106-35E

(N-8284)

THE SINGLE RUNWAY OF THE DONG HOI AIRFIELD WAS OBSERVED. THE OPERATIONAL STATUS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. NO AOB WAS DISCERNIBLE. THE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WAS 33.5 NM FROM THE TARGET AREA.

FINGER LAKES AREANORTH VIETNAM17-01N 106-57E

(N-8285)

NUMEROUS FIELD-DEPLOYED SA-2 SITES HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED IN THE FINGER LAKES AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM. DURING PERIODS OF REDUCED OR LIGHT BOMBING, THIS AREA HAS BEEN ACTIVE WITH VEHICULAR/EQUIPMENT MOVEMENTS. SIX AREAS WHERE FIELD-DEPLOYED SA-2 SITES HAVE BEEN LOCATED COULD ONLY BE IDENTIFIED ON MISSION SU-013. LAUNCH POSITIONS AND CENTRAL GUIDANCE AREAS OF THE SAM SITES COULD NOT BE INTERPRETED.* NO EQUIPMENT OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WAS DISCERNIBLE. THE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WAS 32 NM FROM THE TARGET AREA.

*(THESE SA-2 SITES ARE NVN 557, NVN 407, NVN 531, NVN 480, NVN 479, NVN 535).

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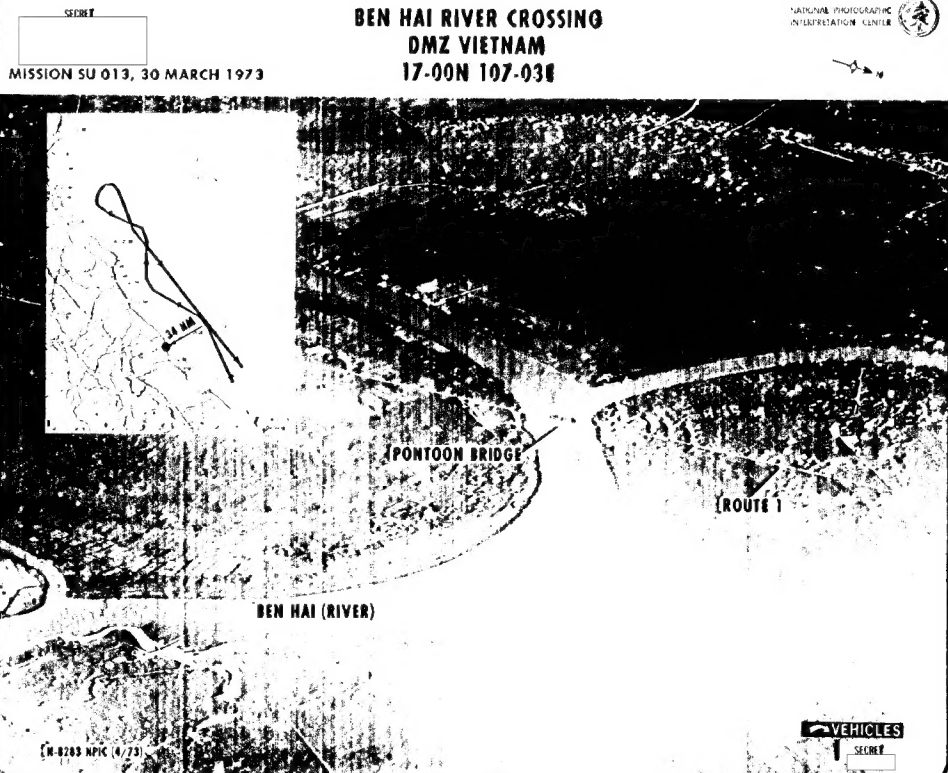
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